

REMARKS

Claims 1, 3-11, 13-20 and 32-37 remain in the application for further prosecution. Claims 2, 12 and 21-31 have been cancelled without prejudice. Claims 1, 4-5, 11, 14 and 15 have been amended. Claims 34-37 have been added.

§§ 102 and 103 Rejections

Claims 1, 3 8-9, 11, 13 and 18-19 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 102(b) as being anticipated by U.S. Patent No. 5,976,016 ("Moody").

Claims 10 and 20 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over U.S. Patent No. 5,976,016 (Moody et al.) as applied to claims 1 and 11 above, and further in view of U.S. Patent No. 6,089,976 ("Schneider").

Claims 21-31 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over U.S. Patent No. 6,089,976 ("Schneider") in view of U.S. Patent No. 6,755,737 (Jackson et al).

Allowed Claims

The Examiner indicates that claims 32 and 33 are allowable. The Examiner also indicated that claims 2, 4-7, 12 and 14-17 would be allowable if rewritten in independent form. Applicant has canceled claim 2 and amended claim 1 to incorporate the elements of claim 2. Applicant has amended claims 4 and 5 to become independent claims incorporating the elements of the intervening claims. Claims 3 and 8-10 depend from claim 1 and claims 6-7 depend from claim 5 and are similarly allowable. New claims 34-35 depend from claim 1 and include the subject matter of previously dependant claims 4 and 5 and are similarly allowable.

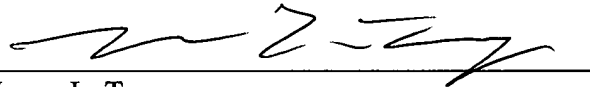
Applicant has also canceled claim 12 and incorporated the elements of claim 12 into amended claim 11. Applicant has amended claims 14 and 15 to become independent claims incorporating the elements of the intervening claims. Claims 13 and 18-20 depend from claim 11 and claims 16-17 depend from claim 15 and are similarly allowable. New claims 34-35 depend from claim 11 and include the subject matter of previously dependant claims 14 and 15 and are similarly allowable.

Conclusion

If any matters may be resolved or clarified through a telephone interview, the Examiner is respectfully requested to contact the Applicants' undersigned attorney at the number shown.

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